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[illegible] received by the bride's parents were distributed among their relatives. Sometimes the same value of presents was given by the bride's parents to the newly-wed couple. Then one or the wife followed her husband wherever he went. Generally he took her at once to his mother's house where they spent their honeymoon. Later they generally received a house by themselves. It was the rule for the son to continue living among his people although he might have a separate house of his own. They were frequently often lived among their husband's people. Sometimes brides were so badly were occasionally sold to the wife's people.

Once any lads who were engaged to be married generally still remained to live with their own people, the young man's lodges, only separating occasionally on the [illegible] of the father's parents to [illegible] [illegible] of the wife then to lived in a [illegible] parents [illegible]. Then on the [illegible] of the marriage to a wife to see out on [illegible] of either his own parents house out of the father's parents house. When the marriage ceremonies had been completed and the bride had departed, he did not [illegible] into the house of the parents of either side, but alternately took her to the house of his uncle, cousin or some other relatives where they lived for a time. Sometimes the couple might reside at home with either one of parents but

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251 Across waters the deer when surfeit, moose, gopher, ground hog, and other meat, as well as fish, would be prepared for preservation. The meat of the larger animals, cut into long, thin slices, was dehydrated by hanging it in the sun over a slow fire. People avoided smoking the meat lest it acquire a bitter flavor. Strung to be dried over garret and hearth, the strips then being worn together. After gutting a gopher, a person placed a stick reaching from the head to the hind quarter in the body cavity and allowed the carcass to dry in the sun. A light covering softened dehydrated meat before it was stored in a skin bag. From dried meat came pemmican, the flesh being heavily pounded and mixed with fresh berries on a sheet of bakstin. After adding melted grease the product was stored in unlimed grounding skins or in a casing of cleaned intestines. Berries could also be prepared by first boiling them and then drying the pulp on sheets of bark. After one layer of berries had dried another was added on top. Eventually an entire dry cake could be rolled up for cooking. The Ojibwa stored food in several kinds of caches. In winter, when simple freezing proved sufficient for preservation, they placed baldly butchered meat surrounded with spruce brush in a snow pit and covered it with snow. In the summertime a cache made by piling up rocks covered a supply of meat. A subcellar, the informants remarked, never got so hot preserved in this manner. Small quantities of meat could also be suspended from a pole lashed to a tree or thereof from a fork. A pile of stones anchored the base of the pole racks. One constructed cages up to eight feet square in trees, using poles that they lashed together with willow-bark line. The food stored on these platforms was covered with brush weighted down by poles. She found it easier to build triangular cages set between trees conveniently growing small trees. The foundation of the platform consisted of three poles lashed to the supporting trunks. Across this the builder laid a flooring of thinner poles. Four-pole station and two-pole platform caches could not be reached.

245 246 Women stored food on fresh poplar or birch bark as well as in birch and solid wood dishes. A bark dished in such a manner round served as a handle. People avoided using one another's dishes for fear that doing so might lead to a small stick emerging from the visitor person's mouth. Utensils consisted of bone knives and deep-bowl or wooden spoons. Ojibwa prescribed that a knife must never be used to scratch person inside the box. Deliberately violating this rule constituted a hostile gesture. Each member of the family helped himself from the cooking pot but children shared the dishes of their parents without fear of any danger. At the end of a meal a person might wipe his fingers along the sides and bottom of the vessel to obtain even the smallest bits of grease. Both men and children ate together, sometimes providing periods of animated conversation. In addition to the magical avoidances that governed eating[1] there existed the courtesies that following a period of near starvation eating must be resumed gradually. Hospitality ordered as an established virtue. A host always said to gratitude for a meal was: "Boozhoo-ik-ian, gweezy maa yaa kibid ow with this gaazy [i.e., food]." The host in reply would urge his guest to recall the periods of hunger that the latter had been forced to undergo. Food offered to a guest had to be "half-cool" and a serving of eighty-five minutes signified an insult. The informants denied the farcical hospitality one has

[1] See below, p. 100, also pp. above, p. 38.